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Osborn High School
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Before Sheila D. Rice, CSR-4163, RPR, RMR
Notary Public, County of Wayne

1 APPEARANCES:
2 CHAIRPERSON LISA CARTER
3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WILLIE E. BELL
4 COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH W. BROOKS
5 COMMISSIONER CONRAD MALLETT
6 COMMISSIONER EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHE
7 COMMISSIONER RICARDO R. MOORE
8 COMMISSIONER WILLIE E. BURTON
9 COMMISSIONER DONNELL R. WHITE
10 COMMISSIONER REGINALD CRAWFORD
11 COMMISSIONER EDGAR VANN, JR.
12 COMMISSIONER RICHARD SHELBY
13 ASSISTANT CHIEF STEVEN DOLUNT
14 SECRETARY GEORGE ANTHONY

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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Thursday, October 29, 2015
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5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Good afternoon. We're
6 going to call the meeting to order.

7 My name is Lisa Carter. I am the Chair for
8 the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners. I'd like
9 to welcome you to the weekly meeting of the Board of
10 Police Commissioners.

11 At this time I'm going to ask that Bishop
12 Vann do the invocation, please.

13 COMMISSIONER VANN: May we pray.

14 God, how we thank you for this hour, in
15 this moment. We thank you for the opportunity that
16 you give us to connect with the community that we
17 serve. We ask that you would bless our department,
18 bless this Commission, its leadership. We pray that
19 you would continue to make our communities and our
20 neighborhoods safe. We lift up the cause of public
21 safety. We ask, oh, God, that you would bring peace
22 to our communities. We ask, oh, God, that you would
23 bring common courtesy and respect back to your
24 communities. Bless us now as we plan to deliberate
25 for the upbuilding of this city as we continue our

1 work as commissioners. This we ask in your name.

2 Amen.

3 AUDIENCE: Amen.

4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Secretary Anthony,
5 would you please do the roll call.

6 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
7 Generally, I just would like to advise if you would
8 like the commissioners to introduce themselves.

9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: That would -- thank
10 you. Thank you for that reminder.

11 At this time I'm going to ask that each
12 commissioner introduce themselves and tell the
13 students a little bit about themselves, as much as
14 you'd like.

15 And thank you, students, for coming out
16 this afternoon. And we're glad to be here at Osborn
17 High School. Principal Senta Ray-Conley graciously
18 accepted our invitation to come out and share with you
19 what the Board of Police Commissioners actually do
20 every week. And we're going to share with you our
21 duties and responsibilities.

22 And at this time I'm going to ask that
23 Commissioner Shelby start with the introductions.

24 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Good afternoon. My
25 name is Richard Shelby. I'm a representative from

1 District 1, police commissioner, and I'm a former
2 police officer with the Detroit Police Department.

3 COMMISSIONER VANN: I'm Commissioner Edgar
4 Vann, District 2, northwest Detroit. I'm also a DPS
5 graduate of another school on the west side. However,
6 I'm grateful to be here in the community at Osborn.
7 Our church and ministry where I've been pastor for 39
8 years has done extensive work in this neighborhood and
9 in this area with Osborn with Brenda Scott and some of
10 the other schools out here. So I'm grateful to be
11 here.

12 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes. Good
13 afternoon. I might say good afternoon, neighborhood,
14 good afternoon, fam, because I live in this
15 neighborhood. My name is Reginald Crawford, and I'm
16 the commissioner of the Third District. This is the
17 Third District. This particular high school my
18 daughter graduated from this high school in 1990,
19 Osborn. I still live in the neighborhood. I'm a
20 retired Detroit police officer, also currently a Wayne
21 County deputy. So I welcome you. I'm glad to see fam
22 here, family here, because that's what I consider you.
23 And, like I said, it's a neighborhood to me. Thank
24 you.

25 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Good afternoon.

1 Commissioner Donnell White. I have the pleasure of
2 serving as commissioner as appointed by Mayor Dave
3 Bing in 2010. I also serve as your executive director
4 of the Detroit branch NAACP. Glad to be here.

5 VICE CHAIR BELL: Good afternoon. I'm
6 Willie Bell, your Vice Chair of the Board of Police
7 Commissioners. I'm representing the District 4, which
8 is just south of here on the east side of Detroit.
9 I'm a former police officer, and I formerly worked for
10 the Board of Police Commissioners back in 2002 for
11 four or five years. So I'm glad to see here that we
12 have individuals and looking forward to meaningful
13 dialogue with the young people here at Osborn High
14 School and student body and the parents that live in
15 this area, citizens that live in this area. So thank
16 you for giving us this opportunity.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Hi. I'm Willie
18 Burton, commissioner for District 5. Previously
19 coming onto the Board of Police Commissioners I was
20 serving in the capacity of Detroit Public Schools,
21 police and public safety oversight, where I was -- it
22 was a two-year appointment where I was in and out of
23 the DPS school district very frequently. In 2008 I
24 started a youth group with a partner, and our
25 concentration was Osborn and Pershing High School

1 where our youth group was Put You First Organization.
2 And we meet every Thursday at three o'clock over at
3 the Wilder Library. We offer after school tutoring
4 and things of that nature, but it was very effective
5 with Osborn and Pershing. So that's something we
6 started in 2008.

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Good afternoon.
8 Police Commissioner Ricardo Moore. I represent
9 District 7, which is northwest Detroit. I'm also a
10 former graduate of the Detroit Public Schools,
11 Murray-Wright. I'm also a former member of the
12 Detroit Police Department. I am glad to be here in
13 Osborn. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Good afternoon
15 and welcome, everyone. My name is Eva Garza
16 Dewaelsche. I am a lifelong resident of Detroit. I
17 am president and CEO of SER Metro. We're a work force
18 development origination serving the city. I have been
19 with the organization for 32 years. And I'm a former
20 police officer and have served as commissioner under
21 Mayor Archer as well. I hope that we'll be able to
22 convince some of you to consider law enforcement as a
23 career. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Good afternoon. I'm
25 Conrad Mallett. I've had lots and lots and lots of

1 jobs. I don't want you to think I'm a problem
2 employee.

3 At one point in my career I was on the
4 Michigan Supreme Court. I was a Chief Justice of the
5 Michigan Supreme Court. I am current -- I was the
6 president of Sinai-Grace Hospital, and now I am the
7 chief administrative officer and executive vice
8 president for the Detroit Medical Center. And I'm
9 very glad to be here with you this afternoon.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon. I'm
11 Elizabeth Brooks, known as Betty Brooks. I'm a
12 community leader. Detroit is not my home, because I
13 was not born here, but it is my home now. And I thank
14 you all for coming out. The school, Osborn, brings
15 back memories.

16 Years ago I used to bring the dance Harlem
17 Ballet Company into your school with a session called
18 Dancing Through Barriers. You all are too young to
19 remember that, but I had very fond memories of coming
20 into your school. I was appointed by the Mayor, and I
21 really enjoy being a police commissioner, because we
22 get to come out and see children in the schools.
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you,
25 commissioners.

1 And, as I stated earlier, my name is Lisa
2 Carter. I am the Chair for the Commission. I am a
3 graduate of Detroit Public Schools. I attended Cass
4 Tech High School. I also attended here at Osborn
5 driver's training. So every time I come past the old
6 driving course I'm reminded of how far I've come since
7 those days on the driving course here. I served 27
8 years with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and I
9 graduated -- I'm sorry. I retired at the rank of a
10 lieutenant. After my retirement, I started working at
11 Wayne State University. That's where I am currently
12 working with the Americorps Urban Safety Project. And
13 this project works in this -- this is one of the
14 targeted neighborhoods. So I work with the Osborn
15 neighborhoods, along with some other neighborhoods, to
16 provide community involvement to engage residents to
17 get involved in block clubs and to engage residents to
18 want to keep their neighborhoods clean through
19 board-ups and clean-ups.

20 This past summer, I also worked with a
21 group of youth that were from Osborn High School,
22 about 20 young men, and 20 from Western High School.
23 And they were tasked with providing services to the
24 residents of Osborn High School as well as Western
25 High School. Those teams -- the 20 teams from Osborn

1 High School, a lot of them went on to college. They
2 were seniors and graduates of Osborn High School. And
3 I'm looking forward to working with the youth, the 20
4 youth that will be involved with the program next
5 year.

6 At this time, Mr. Anthony, would you please
7 introduce the rest of the staff.

8 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
9 For the record, George Anthony, Secretary to the
10 board.

11 We have present Ms. Pamela Davis-Drake
12 seated in front who is our chief investigator. Ms.
13 Gail Oxendine hasn't arrived yet, but she is our Human
14 Resources director. Ms. Linda Bernard, also seated in
15 front, is our attorney to the board. Mr. Robert Brown
16 to my left in front is our administrative assistant.
17 Sergeant Alan Quinn is recording our proceedings. And
18 Ms. Sheila Rice from Hanson Court Reporting Service is
19 taking the transcript.

20 That completes the introduction, ma'am.

21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, sir.

22 At this time, I'd like to introduce
23 Assistant Chief Steve Dolunt.

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Good afternoon.

25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Good afternoon.

1 Any staff here that you'd like to
2 introduce?

3 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Honestly, I think
4 the only one here is Investigator Fountain. They're
5 all working the next three nights for Angels' Night.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay. Thank you, sir.
7 Commissioners, you have before you the
8 agenda for Thursday, October 29th. What's your
9 pleasure?

10 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Support.

11 COMMISSIONER VANN: Supported.

12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
13 supported that the agenda be approved.

14 Is there any discussion?

15 Those in favor?

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed?

18 The motion carries.

19 At this time, commissioners, I'll move for
20 the approval of the minutes from Thursday, October
21 22nd.

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON BELL: I so move.

23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Supported.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
25 supported that the minutes from October 22nd be

1 approved.

2 Is there any discussion?

3 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Yes, Madam Chair.

4 With that approval, I would just ask that the noted
5 absence of my attendance last week be changed from
6 absent to excused, as communicated through the Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other discussion?

8 So noted. Those in favor?

9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed?

11 The motion carries. The minutes are
12 accepted.

13 At this time, the Chairperson's report. I
14 have nothing to report today. And we'll move on to
15 the presentation from Investigator Fountain.

16 INVESTIGATOR FOUNTAIN: Good after morning,
17 everyone.

18 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

19 INVESTIGATOR FOUNTAIN: Mr. Callahan, thank
20 you for coming and bringing down some of the students
21 from the Spanish class, some of my stools (ph) over
22 here from home. We're going to talk about what to do
23 if stopped by the police.

24 When I was 15 years old, I got stopped by
25 the police. I didn't have a driver's license. When

1 the officer came up to the window -- I did a rolling
2 stop through a stop sign. And the officer came up to
3 the window and I was scared, because I thought I was
4 getting ready to go to jail. When that officer walked
5 up, I said, yes, sir, no, sir, yes, sir, no, sir. He
6 said "be careful" and he walked away.

7 Last week I was speeding down I-94. Yes, I
8 was, Chief. I was speeding down I-94. The lights
9 came on. The officer pulled me over. When he walked
10 up to the window, the first thing I said was, "Sir, I
11 apologize for speeding." I didn't show my badge or
12 ID. He said, "Slow down." He turned and walked away.

13 What was the common denominator with these
14 scenarios? What was the common denominator?

15 Okay. In the second scenario I admitted
16 that I was wrong, but what was I showing the officers?
17 Respect. I wasn't hollering and screaming why did you
18 stop me, jumping out the car and all that. So we're
19 going to go over some things that you should do so
20 that -- first of all, I don't really want you to be
21 stopped by the police. So we're going to tell you
22 some things that might keep you from being stopped.

23 If you get in your buddy's car and you know
24 that's not his momma's car and it's a real nice car
25 and you see the ignition punched out or you see a

1 towel over the ignition, that car might be what?

2 AUDIENCE: Stolen.

3 INVESTIGATOR FOUNTAIN: Stolen. In LA
4 recently they showed eight kids laying out in the
5 street. They were in a stolen car. And when you go
6 to apply for a job they will see that at some point
7 you were arrested. It might not say what you were
8 arrested for and you may not have been charged, but
9 you're going to have to tell them, well, I was in a
10 stolen car. Does that look good to your potential
11 employer? No, it doesn't look good. So you may want
12 to tell your friend this is not your momma's car,
13 whose car is it.

14 If you have a friend that does not like the
15 police, he might be with some radical group and you
16 know he's going to scream and holler if you all get
17 stopped by the police and you know you're going to
18 that party, you may want to stop him and not let him
19 get in the car and say, hey, you're going to have to
20 find your own way because you don't like the police
21 and every time you get stopped you start screaming and
22 people go to jail.

23 Another thing is if you feel that
24 something's not right -- they did a study and found
25 out that one out of three teenagers will still get in

1 a car even though they knew something wasn't right,
2 one out of three.

3 If you are driving down a street with Fetty
4 Wap Pin, Chief Keef from Chicago, y'all going down the
5 street chillin -- those are some rappers -- and the
6 music is playing real loud, what might happen? You
7 might get stopped. You're saying I have a right to
8 play my music loud, but the public says we have a
9 right not to listen to that loud music. So if you're
10 driving down the street with your friends and the
11 music is blaring, chances are you may get stopped by
12 the police.

13 There is no such thing -- I want y'all to
14 repeat after me. There is no such thing ...

15 AUDIENCE: There is no such thing.

16 INVESTIGATOR FOUNTAIN: As a rolling stop.

17 AUDIENCE: As a rolling stop.

18 INVESTIGATOR FOUNTAIN: Now, most people in
19 the world their car never stops. I always see the
20 wheels still moving just a little bit. I don't think
21 I've seem an actual stop in years. So there's no such
22 thing as a rolling stop. You just can't roll through
23 the stop sign. Some of us call it the Detroit stop.
24 So you can't do a Detroit stop in Chicago. You can't
25 do a Detroit stop in Detroit.

1 Yellow does not mean go faster. You all
2 know a yellow light; right? You've got green, red and
3 yellow. Yellow does not mean go faster.

4 If your friend has a temporary sticker in
5 the rearview window, chances are you're probably going
6 to get stopped by the police. I'm go say it again.
7 If your friend has a temporary sticker in the rear
8 window, chances are you're probably going to get
9 stopped by the police.

10 When you get stopped, if you're the driver,
11 or even if you're a passenger in a car, stay in the
12 car. Don't get out of the car and say why are you
13 stopping us. When you get stopped, if it's at night,
14 it would help if you turn on the dome light. Keep
15 your hands visible.

16 If you're in a car with tinted windows,
17 roll down all the windows. Don't just have the back
18 windows up, because here's something you all have to
19 understand. I'm just as nervous as you all are when
20 we stop someone from a traffic infraction. I'm just
21 as nervous as you all are. I know you all are
22 nervous, but law enforcement officers we're nervous,
23 too, because we don't know who's in the car, what they
24 have or what's about to happen.

25 When the officer stops you, it's always

1 nice to say, yes, ma'am, no, ma'am. If you have a
2 problem with saying yes, ma'am or no, ma'am, say yes,
3 officer or no, officer.

4 They're going to probably ask you for three
5 things, your driver's license, proof of insurance and
6 your registration. Don't reach for it until they ask
7 you, because if we stop a car and we see a lot of
8 people moving around what are we thinking? They might
9 be getting a gun, they might be hiding a gun, there
10 might be some dope in the car.

11 Now, this next one, I want you all to
12 really understand this next one. If the police lights
13 come on and your friend says hold this bag for me,
14 don't you hold it. If your friend in the car says
15 hold this bag, you tell your friend I'm not holding
16 anything, because you might end up going to jail for a
17 long time, okay.

18 If the officer asks you have you been
19 drinking, don't you say, "Have you been eating
20 donuts?" That is not the right time to use humor,
21 okay.

22 You must give the officer your name. You
23 cannot lie and give them a wrong name. You're
24 required to give them your name, address and date of
25 birth, and they're required to give you their name and

1 their badge number.

2 If you do these things, chances are you
3 will probably be -- you will probably never be pulled
4 over by the police.

5 Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you,
7 Investigator Fountain.

8 Commissioners, do you have any questions or
9 comments at this time?

10 At this time, A.C. Dolunt, is there
11 anything else that you would like to report?

12 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Just a couple
13 things on our stats. Our response time is just below
14 15 minutes on all runs. Our -- we've seen a spike in
15 carjackings. So we're at last year's level, which was
16 down significantly from the year before. But right
17 now we're one up on carjackings.

18 And I said this before, the best way to
19 avoid a carjacking is not to go to a gas station or a
20 liquor store late at night, because you become a
21 victim. Try to get your milk, whatever, earlier in
22 the day, your gas earlier in the day, because the
23 thugs are out late at night looking for you to make
24 you a victim.

25 Our robberies are down 19 percent over last

1 year. Last year they were down in double digits as
2 well. Our homicides are up by two percent over last
3 year, which is just total of four. Our nonfatal
4 shootings are down one percent, which is down eight
5 from last year.

6 Now, compared to other major cities in the
7 country, most of them had double-digit increases in
8 both homicides and nonfatal shootings. We're still
9 not happy with the fact we've had so many homicides,
10 200 plus run pasted. It goes slightly above last
11 year, which was 299, but compared to the rest of the
12 country we've been kind of holding it steady.

13 The next few days are Angels' Night.
14 That's why the Chief is not here. They're all working
15 either 5:00 to 1:00 or 7:00 to 3:00.

16 So, students, please don't be we out late
17 at night. We don't want -- our goal isn't to throw
18 your butt in jail. It's not. Our goal is to make
19 sure you have a safe Halloween. Unfortunately, some
20 kids, this is a small minority of kids, keep pushing
21 it. The problem is that when we stop you your parents
22 get a ticket as well, and that doesn't make them
23 happy. You'll be detained and they will take you to a
24 precinct and call your mom or dad or guardian to come
25 and get you, and that ticket can go from 15 to \$500.

1 So please -- and I know that we drive you
2 crazy. I know that. There's a lot of cops that are a
3 pain. I get it. And I don't approve of their bad
4 behavior when they're bad. When we come to you and
5 say what's going on, like Investigator Fountain said,
6 don't act a fool. Just say yes, sir, no, sir, and
7 many times we get you on your way or take you to your
8 house.

9 So please be careful in the next three
10 nights. Please be vigilant. You guys aren't the ones
11 that are setting the houses on fire, I know that, but
12 if you see something call us and we'll come out. And
13 that's it.

14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Shelby?

15 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Yeah, through the
16 Chair. Chief, would you give them the curfew hours?

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Five o'clock
18 tonight, I believe. I don't have it with me,
19 unfortunately. Is it five o'clock or am I wrong?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 6 p.m.

21 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: 6:00?

22 Okay. You've got it. Can you say it?
23 Yeah, because I don't have it in front of me.

24 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the Chair,
25 Madam Chair. The curfew hours are 17 and under,

1 that's 17 and under, go into effect today, Thursday,
2 October 29th from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and Friday evening,
3 October the 30th from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. So Thursday
4 night, which is today, and Friday night, and both
5 those times are from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the morning,
6 17 and under.

7 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Through the Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes, sir.

10 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Madam Chair, could we
11 kind of break protocol? I see some of our young
12 people have questions. Would they be allowed to ask
13 those questions as we proceed?

14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes. If you could
15 come up to the podium and give your name for the
16 record and ask your question.

17 MR. NETTLES: Hello. My name is Robert
18 Nettles (ph), and I had a question about the Angels'
19 Night curfew, because I'm 17 years of age, and my
20 manager scheduled me to work until eight o'clock. And
21 she told me if I had my work uniform I wouldn't be
22 stopped by the police, and I wanted to know if that
23 was true, and if not how would I go about that?

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: That is a good
25 question, and it is true. If you're going to work,

1 we're not trying to hold anyone back. Do you have --
2 probably not ID. Who do you work with? You have a
3 uniform on; right? You can tell them I'm on my way to
4 work. Are you in a car or are you on foot?

5 MR. NETTLES: I catch the bus.

6 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Okay. And you're
7 at a bus stop. As long as you're not hanging out, if
8 they pull over, say I'm on my way to work. There
9 shouldn't be a problem. However, however --

10 Do you have a pen? Do you have a pen on
11 you, piece of paper?

12 MR. NETTLES: I have a pencil.

13 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Good. You have a
14 piece of paper or not?

15 MR. NETTLES: No.

16 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Okay.

17 MS. BERNARD: Sir, here's some paper.

18 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Okay. I'm
19 probably going to regret this, but here we go. So if
20 one of my officers gets you at a bus stop and you're
21 going to work, and you're legitimately going to work,
22 you're not hanging out with the fellas or hitting on
23 the girls, call me -- oh, God. Okay. I know. I
24 could just shoot myself. My office number is
25 596-1288.

1 MR. NETTLES: 596 ...

2 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: 1288. Okay.

3 That's my office number. So tell you how far I go on
4 this. It's all on me, okay.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's on TV.

6 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: What?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's on TV.

8 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Ah, geez. Oh. In
9 that case, my office number is 596 --

10 Okay. You can ask for the supervisor then
11 in that case. Say Assistant Chief Dolunt was here.
12 He said if we're on our way to work -- you know how he
13 said donuts and stuff? Well, throw an "L" in there
14 and they'll know who it is, Dolnut, whatever. Anyway,
15 you can ask for a supervisor. Again, politely say I'm
16 on my way to work, Assistant Chief Dolunt was at
17 Osborn High School, and he told us if we're on our way
18 to work if there's a problem please feel free to have
19 a supervisor call him.

20 Is that fair?

21 MR. NETTLES: Yes. Thank you.

22 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Thank you. That's
23 a good question, young man.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Sir?

25 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Madam Chair. Also,

1 too, I'm going to give you my card, sir. I'm your
2 commissioner in this district. And, to add to that,
3 have your supervisor write a letter to say you're
4 working these hours. It could be for both days or
5 something to that effect. Have him or her sign it and
6 put their phone number on that. On the back of that
7 card is my cell number, too, in case you get stopped,
8 you know, to or from work, okay.

9 All right. Thank you, sir.

10 MR. NETTLES: Thanks.

11 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Where do you work?

12 MR. NETTLES: McDonald's.

13 ASSISTANT CHIEF DOLUNT: Okay. Good. He's
14 going to shake everybody's hand. Why not?

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you,
16 commissioners. Getting back to the agenda, if there
17 are no other questions -- are there any other
18 questions?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He answered it.

20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. Are there
21 any standing committee reports?

22 Under new business, we have the resolution
23 for marijuana dispensaries. Commissioner Mallett?

24 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Madam Chair, thank
25 you very much. Again, for the students gathered, my

1 name is Conrad Mallett.

2 The medical marijuana issue is important to
3 the citizens of the city of Detroit. It's certainly
4 important to the citizens across the entire State of
5 Michigan, and we need to be clear I think about what
6 it is that we're actually discussing.

7 Most of you, at least my fellow members of
8 the Board of Commissioners may remember, all of you
9 will not, but at one point East Grand Boulevard was
10 one of the most magnificent streets in America. And
11 then one day, with almost no notice, as the population
12 in the neighborhood began to change these very grand
13 old houses were first turned into adult foster care
14 homes and then into nursing homes. And there became
15 so many adult foster care homes and nursing homes that
16 then State Senator Jackie Vaughan had to pass a state
17 law precluding the licensure of any further nursing
18 homes or adult foster care homes in the city of
19 Detroit, so out of control had the presence of those
20 facilities in our very neighborhoods become.

21 In 2008 when the State -- excuse me. When
22 the citizens of the state of Michigan adopted a -- by
23 statewide vote. It wasn't a constitutional amendment,
24 just a referendum, authorizing allowing the presence
25 of medical marijuana in the state of Michigan.

1 Frankly, and I'll take this solely upon
2 myself, a lot of us in positions of political
3 authority ignored it, ignored it to the degree because
4 we didn't believe it was going to be a serious
5 problem.

6 Right now, according to the Detroit Police
7 Department, there are 150 medical marijuana
8 dispensaries in the city of Detroit. I guaranty you
9 there are not that many people in the city of Detroit
10 who are medically eligible -- who are medically
11 eligible to get marijuana. So, if we sit quietly and
12 do nothing and follow the popular view, at least as
13 put forward in some segments of the media, we are
14 going to ignore the problem until it's a crisis.

15 I was on just -- not was. Still am a
16 member of the Governor's task force on opioid abuse.
17 That's Vicodin, that's Oxycotin, that's -- what's the
18 one that begins with a P -- Percocet. To the degree
19 that these drugs have now become so abused that you
20 know what we have here in the city of Detroit right
21 now and across the state of Michigan? We have a
22 heroin epidemic. We have a heroin epidemic, because
23 people who are hooked on the pills have found it
24 necessary to find a cheaper alternative, and so they
25 have reintroduced heroin as they have created this

1 need. And who in the hell is "they"? I don't know,
2 but it ain't you and it ain't me. And when we have
3 the presence of drugs in our community bad things
4 happen. We all know that and you know that. So --

5 And I want to really compliment and thank
6 again Board of Police Commissioner Betty Brooks for
7 bringing this up to our attention.

8 And we just had the press conference, Madam
9 Chairperson, at the Detroit Medical Center this past
10 Monday where we introduced the recommendations from
11 the task force, most of which require legislation.
12 But with your permission and the indulgence of my
13 fellow commissioners, I'd just like to read the
14 resolution that was first prepared by Attorney Linda
15 Bernard who is our attorney for the Board of
16 Commissioners and that I revised. It contains too
17 much for us to act on it today, Madam Chairperson, but
18 I'm hoping that -- number one, I wanted the students
19 to hear it and, number two, give my fellow
20 commissioners an opportunity to ingest it and then
21 perhaps we could act on it next week. So with your
22 permission?

23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: "Whereas the
25 Michigan legislature legalized medical marijuana

1 dispensaries pursuant to a statewide vote of people in
2 2008, and

3 "Whereas, since legalization of medical
4 marijuana nearly 150 medical marijuana dispensaries
5 have opened in the city of Detroit, and

6 "Whereas, the Detroit City Council is
7 currently reviewing various options, which it can
8 implement by ordinance regulating the proliferation
9 and location of medical marijuana dispensaries, and

10 "Whereas, the Board of Police
11 Commissioners" -- now, listen to this -- "wants to
12 make clear to the general public that the use of
13 marijuana not prescribed by a physician is still a
14 violation of federal and state law, and

15 "Whereas, there remains strong evidence
16 that marijuana, particularly in the current form
17 available to the public, is a gateway drug that the
18 benefits of which are outweighed by the fact that the
19 users can become addicted and graduate to more
20 dangerous and/or addictive, illegal or legal drugs,
21 and

22 "Whereas, today's marijuana is far more
23 potent, more than 500 percent more potent than the
24 marijuana of the 1970s, and

25 "Whereas, medical marijuana by law should

1 be available only after a patient presents to a
2 physician with an ailment requiring access to medical
3 marijuana and the physician determines such a
4 prescription is necessary to treat or manage the
5 ailment or symptoms associated with the preexisting
6 medical condition, and

7 "Whereas, the Board of Police Commissioners
8 ask the Detroit City Council to review the report
9 issued by Governor Snyder's task force on opioid
10 abuse, specifically those sections requiring all
11 prescribers" -- and that includes the physicians --
12 "all prescribers and dispensers to enter into the
13 Michigan Automated Prescription System database" --

14 So just that the general public
15 understands, and the students particularly, any drug
16 that you get from your pharmacist or any drug that's
17 prescribed you get from the pharmacist that's
18 classified as a narcotic, today the pharmacist records
19 the physician -- the name of the physician who wrote
20 the prescription and the name of the patient who got
21 it and the date of when the prescription was
22 delivered.

23 Now, the reason that's done is not because
24 anybody's interested in your medical history. The
25 reason that's done is because sometimes patients will

1 go from doctor to doctor to doctor or pharmacist to
2 pharmacist to pharmacist saying I have this pain
3 prescription, I need it filled, and it turns out
4 they're getting say 30 pills, but they just had it
5 filled last week. So the pharmacist then is able to
6 look into the database and say, hmm, I think something
7 here is not quite right.

8 Now, what the task force is recommending is
9 that these same rules, which apply to the pharmacist,
10 also apply to the doctors, that the doctor has to
11 enter in the name of the patient, the reason for the
12 delivery of the prescription and the name of the
13 person to whom it was given. Again, not because
14 anyone's interested, but when the patient goes doctor
15 shopping, as sometime is the case, the new doctor will
16 say, well, you know what, Mrs. Jones, have you ever
17 been here before, no, I haven't. I used to go see Dr.
18 Smith. The doctor then could look -- Dr. Jones could
19 look into the computer and say, Mrs. Smith, you know
20 what, your previous doctor issued this and either I
21 agree that it was appropriately done or not.

22 So this is a way we believe on the task
23 force to get everyone, the patients, the physicians
24 and the pharmacists, all involved in controlling this
25 problem, which has become a very significant issue.

1 And what I'm suggesting, Madam Chairperson,
2 in my resolution is that the same process that we're
3 suggesting for the opioid drugs be used for medical
4 marijuana. So "requiring all prescribers and
5 dispensers to enter into the Michigan Automated
6 Prescription System database the fact that a
7 classified drug prescription has been written, for
8 whom the classified drug was prescribed, reporting
9 where, by whom and when the prescription was filled
10 and to whom the drug was delivered."

11 Sometimes, as you know, you know, the --
12 you'll go to the pharmacy for your grandmother.
13 You'll have your license, they'll issue it to you, but
14 most of the time not for a classified drug.

15 "And whereas the Board of Commissioners
16 urges the Detroit City Council to not wait for the
17 Michigan legislature to act, but as a part of its
18 ordinance include all testify the task force
19 recommended data entry reporting requirements exactly
20 along the same lines as the guidelines recommended by
21 the task force to the Michigan legislature."

22 And I should say, Madam Chairperson, this,
23 that the current database has to be updated, and so we
24 will certainly get pushed back and say, well, you're
25 requiring us to do something that's not currently

1 possible. I'm very clear that the legislative branch
2 and all of the data analysis that they have, Madam
3 Chairperson, will improve upon this resolution and
4 actually time it to when the state legislature
5 appropriates the money to improve the system. But the
6 fact of the matter is that this will be a tremendous
7 notification to all of those persons who seek to do
8 the community that we represent harm that we're not
9 going to tolerate this and that when there are rules
10 they will be applied and when there is a system we're
11 going to demand that it be used effectively.

12 "Whereas, the Board of Police Commissioner
13 urges all dispensaries currently in existence but not
14 properly licensed to be closed."

15 You cannot operate a business that does not
16 have a license. You just cannot. You just can't walk
17 outside one day, rent a storefront and throw up a
18 business sign. You can't do it. You've got to go
19 somewhere and get permission. You've got to get a
20 license. You've got to get a Certificate of
21 Occupancy. You've got to go through a process
22 administered by the City of Detroit to open up a
23 business. Well, we want them to -- and if you don't
24 have a business license or a Certificate of Occupancy,
25 then the ordinance will say you shall close, period.

1 "And whereas the Board of Police
2 Commissioners while not knowing how many medical
3 marijuana dispensaries are necessary to serve the
4 extremely small population of medically eligible
5 persons to get a physician prescription allowing the
6 person for whom the prescription is written to
7 purchase medical marijuana from a properly licensed
8 dispensary, and

9 "Whereas, the Board of Police Commissioners
10 firmly believes that best case the entire city of
11 Detroit could be served by no more than four
12 dispensaries."

13 I guaranty you, Madam Chairperson, we don't
14 need 150. Now, I don't know what the right number is,
15 and I'm suggesting it shouldn't be any more than four.
16 I would love to see data that says it should be more
17 than four, but in the meantime in the absence of a
18 actual procedure for which you get a license, and
19 there has been the collection of data to determine how
20 much of a need exists, my position personally, which
21 is why I want to give all the commissioners an
22 opportunity to read this, is that there shouldn't be
23 any and that there shouldn't be any until we have a
24 licensing scheme in place and there's been some
25 determination as to the need.

1 This is not -- this is not a
2 capitalist-driven opportunity to make money.
3 Supposedly, what's going on here is that people who
4 have a medical need with a prescription from the
5 physician are going to a place where they can get this
6 medically-prescribed drug. Now, normally that would
7 be a pharmacy. The pharmacy don't want nothing to do
8 with this. Okay. So we recognize then that they've
9 got to go to some special place. I get that as well.
10 Do we need 150? I don't think so.

11 "Now, therefore, the Board of Police
12 Commissioners recommends that the marijuana
13 dispensaries be limited in number, strictly regulated
14 and vigorously overseen."

15 And I'm glad to have the opportunity, Madam
16 Chairperson, to read that into the record. I know
17 that my fellow commissioners will carefully consider
18 them. Please feel free to make changes. Commissioner
19 Dewaelsche has already pointed out that I've got
20 several spelling errors that she wants to have
21 corrected before we officially send it on, and I thank
22 her for that. And the Chief pointed out that I've got
23 two Ns in "marijuana" in the top. I just want to
24 point out that Linda Bernard did that and not me.

25 COMMISSIONER VANN: Madam Chair --

1 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: But the -- I think
2 this is a really, really, really important matter. I
3 know we don't have enforcement responsibilities, but I
4 do believe that this is a remarkable opportunity for
5 us to be on the record and to provide a level of
6 education for the citizens in general that we may have
7 a huge problem on our hands, that if we don't act
8 decisively could get out of control, and I thank you
9 very much.

10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you,
11 Commissioner Mallett.

12 COMMISSIONER VANN: Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Vann?

14 COMMISSIONER VANN: I first of all want to
15 commend Commissioner Mallett for his due diligence and
16 for his passion with this. And, of course, this
17 passion is shared by this commissioner and possibly
18 others who are sitting here with us. And I want to
19 thank our attorney, Linda Bernard, who assisted you
20 with the spelling of this particular resolution.

21 But seriously, the gravity of this
22 particular situation and issue is a sense of urgency
23 on the part of this commission and other bodies like
24 it throughout our community. Everything that you've
25 cited here in my view is factual, and I am very, very

1 well prepared to stand in agreement with you on this
2 particular resolution. Certainly I know that there
3 may be other comments from other commissioners, but I
4 don't know why we cannot act upon this today and push
5 this through. And it ought to be duly publicized that
6 we're taking the stand that we're taking on it. We
7 know that this is an issue that very well undermines
8 the health of our community and the safety of our
9 community as well.

10 So I would be very happy after -- I know
11 the Chairperson has to hear from other commissioners,
12 but I would be very, very happy to move that we adopt
13 this resolution and make it part of what this
14 commission were proactively push through.

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Madam Chair, if I
16 may.

17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes, you way.

18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: We also know that
19 today there is a hearing on this very issue and I
20 think the timeliness of approving this today. I agree
21 with Bishop Vann, and I would support that if he makes
22 the motion.

23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Crawford?

24 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Madam Chair, I
25 also, too, agree with the other two commissioners.

1 I'm ready to vote today, you know. I read it.

2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Well, there's a motion
3 on the table so --

4 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I thank
5 Commissioner Mallett, Attorney Linda Bernard for the
6 resolution. I read it. I understand it.
7 Commissioner Mallett actually read it and broke it
8 down for us.

9 I have real concern about the proliferation
10 of the dispensaries. When we're talking 150 now, and
11 it may be more than 150, we don't know the exact
12 number, but it's 150 or more. We don't have that many
13 McDonald's or Burger Kings in the city of Detroit. We
14 don't have that many Rite Aids or CVSs in the city of
15 Detroit. And we're talking about marijuana
16 dispensaries.

17 So, yes, I am in agreement with my two
18 other commissioners here and I'm ready to vote today.

19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: So I hear there is a
20 motion on the table from Commissioner Vann, and I
21 believe it was seconded by Commissioner Dewaelsche.

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Is there any further
24 discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes, Madam Chair. I

1 think it could not come at a better time, because
2 we've had another killing outside of a marijuana
3 dispensary. But my thing is how do we get this far
4 that we could have 150 when we only have seven
5 districts.

6 So my thing to the commissioners you all
7 should check how many is in your district.
8 Commissioner Mallett said we should have four. I
9 would even go for one in each district. It makes a
10 lot of sense, but not 150. So, Conrad Mallett, thank
11 you --

12 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: -- for taking that
14 on, and I think it's a great thing.

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON BELL: Madam Chair, I just
17 want to -- I'm supportive of this, but I think in
18 reality is that the council has passed forth a
19 resolution dealing with the dispensary and then the
20 whole process. And the zoning forum tonight is to
21 have more public discussion and then the council will
22 be voting thereafter.

23 So this is some strong language, but we can
24 go forth. But I think I would like to also see
25 exactly the language that council put forth, too, in

1 reality of how can we impact that in terms of
2 appearing before the council before they make that
3 final decision. I think that would be positive in
4 terms of going forward also. So I commend the
5 resolution. I am supportive of the resolution.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other discussion?

7 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, Madam Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I agree with
10 Commissioner Bell. It is some strong language, but
11 this is some strong marijuana.

12 COMMISSIONER VANN: That's right.

13 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: This is not like
14 the old marijuana, and it's different today and the
15 time is different.

16 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Madam Chairperson?

17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: I appreciate all the
19 support. The young lady there has her got her hand
20 up. She's got a question, and I think it would be
21 important that we hear from her and answer any other
22 questions.

23 This is a important issue obviously, ladies
24 and gentlemen, to the Board of Police Commissioners.
25 And, you know, the public's point of view I think will

1 be very important. This is an issue that affects us
2 all. And so we would be -- with your permission,
3 Madam Chairperson?

4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Give your name, ma'am,
5 for the record.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: My name is Timberly Williams
7 (ph). My comment to -- what's your name again?

8 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Conrad Mallett.

9 MS. WILLIAMS: Conrad Mallett. I agree
10 with what you're doing, but I'm saying -- I think it
11 goes bigger than that, because how do you stop like
12 fraud primary care doctors from giving it because if
13 they're signing -- they can do all the steps that
14 you're demanding them to do, but it gets to a point
15 where you have certain doctors that's like, oh, if you
16 pay me up under the table, pay me blah, blah, blah,
17 I'll put in there that you have blah, blah, blah to
18 meet the requirements. And you -- I don't think your
19 numbers will be decreased that way, because then you
20 still have fraud doctors that's out here that's going
21 to do what they got to do to make money up under the
22 table and still sign off until y'all -- they're
23 meeting this illness, but really they're not because
24 the doctor is fraud and the doctor is doing whatever
25 he's got to do to get his money up under the table.

1 So my question would be it's not really
2 with the people, it's with -- how do you keep track of
3 your doctors? Like how do you keep track that this
4 doctor -- how do you keep track that the illness is
5 actually that person's illness, because it can simply
6 come down to it's just that doctor wanting what he
7 wants and this person came in presenting him with what
8 he wanted and now in y'all book this person has blah,
9 blah, blah to meet this, but really doesn't? So how
10 do you stop fraud doctors from proceeding?

11 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Madam, Chairperson,
12 if I might?

13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes, sir.

14 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: That's an extremely
15 good question, and thankfully there is an answer.

16 By entering into the database the name of
17 physician, prescriber and the patient, the ailment
18 associated with the issuance of the prescription is
19 also entered in. If this doctor has a habit -- excuse
20 me, has a practice of writing these prescriptions,
21 then the Department of Licensing and Regulations will
22 take a look at it and the -- and see that this
23 particular doctor is writing more of these kinds of
24 prescriptions than normally the medical community
25 deems appropriate.

1 So you're absolutely right. It will not
2 stop the first or second prescription from being
3 written, but if this is, in fact, a pattern of
4 behavior on behalf of the physician, it will come to
5 the notice of the Department of Licensing Regulations,
6 it will go to the Department of Medicine, and the
7 doctor's license will be in jeopardy.

8 MS. WILLIAMS: What about --

9 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: So it -- go ahead.
10 I'm sorry.

11 MS. WILLIAMS: Sorry. What about a pain
12 doctor? That's what they do. They write
13 prescriptions for pain.

14 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Right. If they
15 write too many of these --

16 MS. WILLIAMS: What's too many?

17 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: -- then it's going
18 to be a notice. And so I mean that is the difficulty
19 of dealing with something called medical marijuana.
20 But the physician's behavior as it relates to writing
21 the prescriptions will be reported. And that's why
22 the entry of the actual prescription being written
23 into the database is critical, because if someone is
24 overwriting, if someone seems to be writing more of
25 these than is appropriate, the licensing department

1 and particularly the Board of Medicine, which gives
2 doctors all of their licenses, will be notified and
3 the physician's license will be in jeopardy.

4 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Question answered.

5 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Yes, ma'am. That's
6 a great question. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

8 At this time we have a motion on the floor
9 by Commissioner Vann. Commissioner Dewaelsche
10 seconded the motion.

11 Is there any further discussion?

12 Those in favor of the motion?

13 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed?

15 The motion carries.

16 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Thank you all. I
17 appreciate it.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON BELL: If you would, just
19 for a point of order, I would like to -- the Chair has
20 given permission to bring before the student body
21 before we address -- give others an opportunity before
22 they have to leave the auditorium. I don't know about
23 the bell system, but they might have to leave. So any
24 other students if you have a question or concern in
25 reference to -- before this Board or Police

1 Department, this will be your time to come forward
2 now. So please do not be shy. You know, if you have
3 a question or concern that you would like to bring --
4 yes. Come forward. And any others just please come
5 forward and we'll give you the opportunity to speak to
6 the board at this time.

7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner White.

8 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Thank you, Madam
9 Chair. On the last vote, abstentions were not called
10 for, and I'd just like the record to reflect I
11 abstained from the vote on the resolution that's now
12 passed.

13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay. Thank you.

14 MS. EVANS: Good afternoon. My name is
15 Taniya Evans (ph). I was wondering other than the
16 dispensaries, do y'all feel like there's any other
17 major problems other than the dispensaries out here in
18 Detroit?

19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioners?

20 MS. EVANS: Drugs, guns, violence, school
21 wise?

22 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: I think if I might,
23 Madam Chairperson?

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes, you may.

25 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Absolutely. I mean,

1 part of the reason that everybody up here is serving
2 is because the commitment to the city and the
3 recognition that there are a lot of issues to be dealt
4 with. You know, we're the poorest big city in
5 America. We have the highest incidence of kidney
6 disease in America. We have a host of things in front
7 of us. Every single person up here, the former police
8 officers, the current police officers, all of us are
9 involved in some form of public service, because we
10 recognize that they're very significant problems.

11 And first among I would argue would be the
12 lack of employment opportunities. There's a 50
13 percent unemployment rate in the city of Detroit. I
14 think everybody here feels that. I think everybody in
15 here understands that. Everybody on this board
16 certainly does.

17 So, yes, ma'am this is not the only set of
18 issues in front of us, but this is the set of issues
19 that the Board of Police Commissioners deals with.
20 But we don't confront these problems in isolation by
21 any stretch of the imagination.

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON BELL: Madam Chair, I just
23 want to say that we are concerned about you. That's
24 why we're here today, that we want to give you the
25 opportunity to interact with the Board of Police

1 Commission and also the Detroit Police Department on a
2 semi-formal basis to address your concerns, to
3 enlighten you. We're concerned about young people
4 dropping out of high school, not attending school, not
5 striving for to be the best they can be in any issue.
6 We want to make you safe from home to school and
7 school to home. All those issues that you young
8 people are dealing with. We're concerned about you
9 starting getting your driver's license. We're
10 concerned about you. That's why we wanted to come to
11 Osborn High School to have interaction with you. So
12 that's crucial why we're here this afternoon.

13 So we want you to come forward to share
14 some of the concerns that you might have. That's why
15 we're here.

16 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, also,
17 young lady, last week we had a presentation on human
18 trafficking, very big in the city, in the state of
19 Michigan. That presentation gave us a lot of insight
20 on how to help young men -- young ladies and young men
21 not to get involved, not to go with someone that you
22 don't know and how you can protect yourself from being
23 taken away forcibly by a pimp. So we are dedicated
24 commissioners that are thinking about -- a lot about
25 young people.

1 MS. EVANS: Okay. Due to -- y'all said
2 something about the school. You said about how do we
3 feel. Do y'all like our voices are being heard
4 enough?

5 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Like Commissioner
6 Bell said, that's why we're here. We wanted to reach
7 out. And I will say that Commissioner Bell is
8 particularly passionate about this issue. He pushes
9 us out of our comfort zone down at the police
10 headquarters into the community and frankly into the
11 schools. It's his leadership that brought us here.
12 And Commissioner Bell represents our view that we need
13 to hear from the students more.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Madam Chair, if I
15 may?

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: I also am very
18 interested in ensuring that our young people are
19 graduating from high school and going on to further
20 their education because of the issues of unemployment
21 here in Detroit. The business that I work for is work
22 force development. And so, you know, this is what we
23 do. We try to prepare people for jobs. Skills is,
24 you know, something that everybody needs.

25 And I'm also very interested as a police

1 commissioner in trying to convince young people to
2 look at law enforcement as a career. It's a wonderful
3 career, very, very respectable career. You know, we
4 would love to have more representation in our law
5 enforcement of Detroiters and young people like you,
6 females. So I'm very interested in promoting that.
7 And so I hope that, you know, you all will consider
8 law enforcement and being a police officer for the
9 City of Detroit.

10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Crawford?

11 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, through the
12 Chair. I just want to say that this is a educational
13 moment for me being here and talking to the youth, and
14 I certainly hope to everyone else it's a educational
15 moment in terms of what we do and what we're about.

16 But, yeah, there are major problems, major
17 problems in major cities in this major community, so
18 to speak. But it's the youth of today that are making
19 the difference. It's the activism of the youth that
20 I'm so proud of today that I see a -- not only in this
21 city, but across the country. And that activism when
22 you engage -- when the youth start to engage in some
23 activism, I can guaranty you it will impact. So
24 there's a activism and then there's some impact that
25 occurs after that activism that you'll see some

1 results in terms of changing things, not only in the
2 community, but, you know, educational system, the
3 criminal justice system, et cetera.

4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other --

5 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Are there any other
8 questions?

9 Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. TAYLOR: Good afternoon.

11 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

12 MS. TAYLOR: My name is Felicia Taylor.

13 I'm a graduate here of Osborn High School. I'm the
14 executive administrator for Grace Church of the
15 Nazarene. I'm also corresponding secretary for the
16 Ninth Precinct community relations council.

17 There are a couple of important questions,
18 statements that I have.

19 You have your NPOs who truly make
20 themselves visible. You have your Detroit police
21 officers who truly make themselves visible and making
22 sure that we're safe. I'm an example of what they do
23 in regards to -- my life was saved by Officer Jason
24 Cowells (ph), Thomas Rogers and Officer Martinez and
25 Larosa. And in addition you have the NPOs who truly

1 are making sure that the members of our community of
2 the Ninth Precinct is aware of what's going on in
3 regard to the medical marijuana dispensaries and what
4 information needs to be provided.

5 But my own personal experience, having had
6 a -- I shouldn't say you, but when the officers come
7 out and do a presentation I would say at the meetings
8 I've been impacted by mostly almost of these. This is
9 at the hands of a person who sold drugs, marijuana, my
10 ex-husband, and sold pills. I end up coming across a
11 few doctors, one in Twelve Mile and Hoover who chooses
12 to push pills on his patients when I myself, for
13 example, come to say I don't want that, I want any
14 narcotics. But you have doctors like that that aren't
15 monitored. Instead of focussing on the dispensaries,
16 how much focus, like the young lady was saying, are we
17 putting on focusing on these doctors that is here?

18 And I'm seeing that I've had -- I, actually
19 myself, I went to Wayne State, graduated with my
20 degree in criminal justice, had to bust a couple of
21 doctors, and one was Dr. Mandray (ph). And what he
22 would do is do insurance fraud. You have doctors that
23 are doing that who are also pushing medicine again on
24 the patient to say that they're coming there, they're
25 coming to see them, they're trying to prescribe

1 medication, they're trying to make you into an addict.
2 And that's something -- I don't know how much you are
3 a policing or how much you are involved in, but those
4 things do need to be looked into. Investigators do
5 need to be assigned to those things. I'm not sure how
6 you go about that. I don't know how much you're
7 involved in overseeing it, but that's a big huge
8 concern for me.

9 I'm a disabled retiree from the State of
10 Michigan. I worked for unemployment. So when you
11 discuss about unemployment and work force and work
12 force development it is difficult for me to look at
13 things differently having worked there and seeing what
14 claimants and staff members went through, and the
15 State Police was supposed to provide protection and
16 support. My same ex-husband is whom they provided
17 medical treatment for instead.

18 And the problem that I have is we're here
19 talking about what we do and what you can do and
20 looking at that, but each one of these things factor
21 into that. It factors into where I can say he was
22 selling the drugs, pushing the drugs, but yet got
23 assistance from the State of Michigan from
24 unemployment and did crimes against the Detroit Police
25 Department and crimes against our city.

1 What exactly can you do and what can be
2 done, especially when I'm seeing our law enforcement
3 being cut and their benefits being cut? It's
4 imperative to me that we look at our citizens, our
5 residents and our police officers. And I'm not a
6 police officer. I've never been one, but when you had
7 someone save your life in August the 20th of 2013, I'm
8 sorry, they're extremely important to me as well as
9 the residents.

10 So thank you for hearing my comment.

11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Comments,
12 commissioners?

13 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Madam Chair, with
14 your permission --

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: -- I do think that
17 the physician issue that you bring up again with the
18 Automated Data System that admittedly has to be
19 improved. The requirement will be that any physician
20 who writes a prescription for a classified drug has to
21 enter it, has to, you know, enter the data into the
22 system. If they don't, that will be a violation of
23 the law.

24 So you're absolutely right that there are
25 physicians who are doing things that are

1 inappropriate. It's very difficult to discover
2 exactly when that particular behavior is occurring,
3 but this data system will help.

4 So there are steps being taken. None of
5 them unfortunately immediate and none of them
6 unfortunate are not going to have some cost to the
7 taxpayer, but nevertheless we are on our way to
8 getting a better handle on how drugs are prescribed
9 and being able to see with some degree of transparency
10 who is inappropriately prescribing, particularly
11 overprescribing, classified drugs.

12 MS. TAYLOR: When you're saying it's
13 difficult, like I said, I'm not a police officer or
14 anything. I'd be extremely proud if I was. It wasn't
15 difficult for me to look at one when I'm going to see
16 a doctor to know whether that's a doctor that's
17 pushing drugs. When you've got a doctor that's
18 pushing out Tramadol or Xanax or a doctor that says do
19 you want Tylenol, do you want some Percocet, no, I
20 don't want those things, you're pushing that onto a
21 patient. If you have someone that's going in just to
22 see those particular doctors, a database is not going
23 to catch that. It's going to take an actual person to
24 go in and investigate and find those particular
25 doctors. I myself did, and if it wasn't for me having

1 went to -- having had a good foundation of school from
2 here, from Osborn and from Wayne State University in
3 criminal justice, I myself wouldn't have found out,
4 but I did. And in turn you have those doctors still
5 employed. They're still employed.

6 Now, Blue Cross Blue Shield did help me in
7 regards to investigating and making sure that we do
8 something in regards to a couple of those doctors, you
9 know. You've got a Dr. Mandray, Dr. Leon Rubenfaer
10 and Dr. David Mendelson. When you have those
11 particular people that they're able to investigate,
12 it's going to -- the database, the computer system, is
13 not going to be what human factor can be. And that's
14 my concern is how much are we investing in that? Are
15 we putting any, if at all, any officers into looking
16 at that?

17 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: So I would say that
18 unfortunately it's a jurisdictional issue as well,
19 State of Michigan issue, it's a federal government
20 issue. And with all of the things that the Detroit
21 Police Department has to deal with and the few men and
22 women that they actually have available -- I'm not
23 suggesting that they use the jurisdictional reality as
24 an excuse, but as the Chief determines where he is
25 going to put his troops you've got to do what you've

1 got to do, sometimes in a way that leads to other
2 agencies responsible for their level of enforcement to
3 do just that.

4 MS. TAYLOR: I was also a deputy director
5 of the union. There aren't any things that are called
6 job swap. I worked at the Boulevard, at the Boulevard
7 Building where the State Police was. And my question
8 is there not something we could do a job swap? There
9 were people that was in that same Boulevard Building
10 that was murdered and the State Police was on the
11 first floor.

12 So there's not something we can do as far
13 as having our Detroit officers do a job swap where
14 they can teach them? I mean, they're more
15 well-rounded. I'm sorry. I'm going to say it like
16 that. Detroit police officers are. They're more
17 well-rounded. They're more knowledgeable. They have
18 better insight. They're able to take a State Police
19 officer and by hand and hand and teach them how to
20 recognize criminal activity and how to do a proper
21 investigation. There's not any way we could to a job
22 swap?

23 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: You're above my pay
24 grade now.

25 MS. TAYLOR: I'm sorry. I'm a disabled

1 retiree. My pay grade is real low.

2 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Madam Chair?

3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yeah. I just want
5 to expound on the fact is you're talking about a
6 patient office visit to a doctor. And what's in the
7 resolution is talking about the days that that's going
8 to be submitted in terms of the actual prescription
9 that the doctors write and the red flag, as
10 Commissioner Mallett stated so eloquently, will
11 perhaps be a red flag that one is writing too many
12 prescriptions.

13 But in terms of I have -- I haven't heard
14 of it recently, but I do know that the State,
15 sometimes the federal government, will come in and
16 work some sort of undercover operations in terms of
17 patient visits to a doctor's office. And that would
18 be the only way in terms of -- because that's the
19 initial first step is the patient/doctor visit. You
20 know, you enter into the office, and like your
21 scenario that you described in terms of them just, you
22 know, giving everyone all this pain medication and
23 writing scripts.

24 MS. TAYLOR: Like I was stating, the
25 person, like I said, was my ex-husband. He sold

1 drugs, sold marijuana, sold pills. And when I first
2 saw the Detroit Police I made sure I told them do your
3 homework, do your homework, because I didn't want
4 anything to happen to them.

5 So when you have a person like that that's
6 out on the streets and you don't get an opportunity to
7 make sure you assist the police department as much as
8 you possibly can --

9 And I do know that that's there's a
10 reduction in force. I understand that. But when you
11 have a police force that that's well-rounded to me job
12 swap is probably the best.

13 Thank you so much.

14 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: With all due
15 respect, your ex-husband is not a doctor.

16 MS. TAYLOR: No, no.

17 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: He was just, as you
18 stated, a drug dealer.

19 MS. TAYLOR: A drug dealer and a crook, a
20 good one, a drug dealer and a criminal. But still
21 nevertheless, like I say, when it comes to crimes
22 against my city, crimes against my police department,
23 crimes against the law, and I can't stand for that. I
24 can't sit back idle and just say, okay, I'm going to
25 turn a blind eye to that. It's imperative and

1 important to me that that's looked at and that it's
2 researched upon and looking at what can we do for our
3 citizens, what can we do for our police department and
4 what can we do -- especially not only for people like
5 myself, but victims. And having been a people of a
6 VAP program, I'm sorry, that's not an exclusive club
7 member that you want to be one of. But having been
8 that, it's imperative to me to know that we're doing
9 everything that we possibly can do to put people like
10 that behind bars and anyone who works for him and with
11 him behind bars with him.

12 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am. Thank
13 you.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

16 MS. TERRY: Hello.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Hello.

18 MS. TERRY: My name is Chinita Terry and
19 I'm a coordinator for petitions. You all may remember
20 when John Conyers was running for office I was the
21 young lady that was in charge of his campaign and
22 doing the petitions.

23 Well, I hired people on Tuesdays and
24 Thursdays, and when it gets to the office the person
25 checking the petitions is supposed to check on the

1 bottom to find out if that person is a registered
2 voter or if they've been in prison or whatever. In
3 that case, none of the people ever that I have ever
4 dealt with in this particular case ever had a problem.

5 We had a problem with the police
6 department. I went to the Sixth Precinct. This all
7 been going on since 2007. I went to the Sixth
8 Precinct, I went to the Twelfth Precinct, I went to
9 the chief investigator's office, I went to the Chief's
10 office.

11 I was in a wheelchair for three and a half
12 years. I had a stroke. They said I would never walk
13 again. After that I had open heart surgery. These
14 people start coming into the hospital room leaving
15 notes, well, we better stop doing petitions or else we
16 were going to get killed.

17 I have several other petitioners with me
18 now. When we do petitions -- I did a petition for
19 Charlie Langston's wife the same time I did Conyers'
20 petition. She had over 4,000, and only a hundred of
21 them was wrong. They tried to say that John Conyers
22 all his stuff was wrong, which was not true.

23 And now we doing a petition for -- we want
24 the large corporations to pay their fair share of
25 taxes to get the roads fixed. They're paying six

1 percent. We want them to pay 11 percent. So that's
2 the petition that we're doing right now.

3 I was coming home from church Sunday
4 evening and the police pulled me over. I'm in your
5 district, young man, District 7. I know you probably
6 know Deacon Thomas. I've been trying to get through
7 all the representatives. I can't seem to get anybody.
8 So they pulled me over. And I say, "Why you pulling
9 me over?"

10 "Oh, your lights. Your lights on your
11 license plate is out."

12 "Excuse me?"

13 "Yeah. Give me your license and
14 registration --"

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Ma'am, ma'am, I'm
16 going to stop you right there. Are you going into a
17 story about something that happened to you with the
18 Detroit Police Department?

19 MS. TERRY: With all of our petitioners.
20 They're infringing on our freedom of speech. They
21 harass us every chance they get.

22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay.

23 MS. TERRY: You can check my driving
24 record. I never had any problems until 2007. I have
25 a free parking where I can't really walk a lot. I'm

1 getting tickets on my car. You not allowed to get
2 tickets on a free parking.

3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Ma'am, I'm going to
4 ask you --

5 MS. TERRY: We're being harassed.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: -- to talk to the
7 chief investigator, Pamela Drake, who's sitting right
8 there.

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Ma'am, I'd like to
10 give my card. Excuse me, ma'am.

11 MS. BERNARD: Let him give you his card.
12 Get his card.

13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: That's my cell phone
14 number on there. You can call me after you talk to
15 the chief investigator, okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: At this time, we're
17 going to go back to the agenda.

18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: There's another
19 question.

20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Oh, we have another
21 question? I'm going to ask that you hold that until
22 public comment. We're going to get back to the agenda
23 and finish the agenda and then go on to oral comments.

24 You have before you, commissioners, a
25 resolution for Detective Danielle Harrison.

1 COMMISSIONER VANN: Move the adoption,
2 Madam Chair.

3 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Support.

4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
5 supported that the resolution in support of DPD
6 Detective Danielle Harrison and Breast Cancer
7 Awareness Month be approved.

8 Is there any discussion?

9 Those in favor?

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed?

12 The motion carries.

13 At this time, is there any old business to
14 discuss, any old business?

15 Under announcement, our next meeting will
16 be Thursday, November 5th at 3 p.m. at the Detroit
17 Public Safety Headquarters. It's located at 1301
18 Third Street in the Michigan Room. Our next Board of
19 Police Commissioners community meeting will be at the
20 Sixth Precinct -- in the Sixth Precinct at the Boys
21 and Girls Club, November 12th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. And
22 the Boys and Girls Club is located at 16500 Tireman
23 Road, one block east of Southfield Freeway.

24 At this time we will have oral
25 communications from the audience. At this time we'll

1 have oral communications from the audience. Please
2 give your name and limit your comments to two minutes.

3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Madam Chair, before
4 the gentleman comes up, I would like to acknowledge
5 Bruce Feaster from the office of Scott Benson.

6 MR. FEASTER: I'll comment after that.

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay.

8 MR. WARD: How y'all doing? My name is
9 Terrell Ward, and I just wanted to make a comment
10 regarding the marijuana dispensaries.

11 I just think it's a really bad idea to
12 close the marijuana dispensaries, and the reason I say
13 that is because when you go after the marijuana
14 dispensaries what happens is you create a way for
15 illegal guys to operate and sell marijuana. So really
16 having the marijuana dispensaries kind of cut the
17 illegal aspect of it out. It's not totally, but it
18 does help to curtail some of the illegal marijuana
19 homes that are in operation.

20 Like he was saying that they have 150 or so
21 illegal -- not illegal, but marijuana dispensaries in
22 the city. We probably have ten times as many illegal
23 marijuana houses in operation. So I think if we're
24 going after the marijuana issue I think it doesn't
25 start with going after the dispensaries, because if

1 they're allowed to operate that means they have to
2 meet a certain criteria even to operate. So, if they
3 meet that criteria, why turn around and target them
4 and they're just trying to run a business. They're
5 really not the problem as far as I can see.

6 And it's a more responsible way of
7 purchasing marijuana if you're going to purchase it.
8 So if you -- in my opinion, when you go after the
9 dispensaries, you open up a whole new can of worms,
10 because it's guaranteed that if the marijuana
11 dispensary close people is going to go to illegal
12 house or -- you can't go to a gas station right now
13 without a guy asking you if you want to buy weed. And
14 I just think that's where we should be putting our
15 resources into combatting marijuana on that side and
16 not on the legal side where businesses are trying to
17 operate a business.

18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you for your
19 comment, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Madam Chair?

21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Crawford.

22 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Sir, our resolution
23 is not trying to close marijuana dispensaries. We're
24 just talking about the proliferation. We also -- in
25 the resolution spoke to more accountability in terms

1 of prescription aspect of it, the data that needs to
2 be found in terms of doctors just, you know, blanketly
3 writing prescriptions.

4 What has occurred and what is occurring now
5 is the fact that there are over 150 so to speak in the
6 city of Detroit right now, and things are occurring at
7 those dispensaries such as crime, such as shootings,
8 such as homicides. So it's -- and in the community
9 where they are, the neighborhoods, some -- you know, I
10 don't think you want one right next door to your house
11 with the traffic.

12 So that's the regulation coming from City
13 Council in terms of -- and there's a hearing this
14 evening, a public hearing at -- what is it, about 4:30
15 this evening downtown in the Coleman A. Young
16 Municipal Building in the auditorium pertaining to the
17 zoning.

18 And our resolution, and I'm sure
19 Commissioner Mallett he can speak to better than I
20 because he wrote it, but I do understand it. But
21 that's what we're talking about, the proliferation and
22 also more accountability in terms of the data in terms
23 of these prescriptions that are being written.

24 And, you know, no one's -- let's say I'm
25 not opposed to anyone having medical marijuana, you

1 know. It's for treatment. So it's just that we don't
2 need the proliferation and we don't need everyone just
3 to walk around -- you know, just like you talked about
4 the illegal sales of marijuana in the neighborhoods,
5 you know, with the traffic that that generates. And
6 now we have more dispensaries, like I said, than Rite
7 Aids and CVSs combined in the city of Detroit.

8 MR. WARD: I was basically commenting on
9 Conrad Mallett's comment about having only four
10 dispensaries to supply the whole area. That's almost
11 to me like unrealistic when you think about how many
12 people actually smoke marijuana. I mean, I don't
13 think there's a big enough building that really holds
14 that many people, but ...

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Mallett, did you have a
17 comment?

18 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: I think that
19 Commissioner Crawford hit the nail right on the head.
20 We're just talking about regulation. We're talking
21 about making sure that it's done appropriately. And
22 we are talking about medical marijuana. Medical
23 marijuana requires a prescription. We're not -- we
24 are not at the point in my view thankfully, but we're
25 not at the point where marijuana is legal.

1 And so you and I are not having the exact
2 same discussion. What I want to be sure of is the
3 same thing that the young lady who talked about it
4 before, that the physicians who write the prescription
5 do so appropriately, that the physicians who write the
6 prescription take responsibility for having written
7 it, that there is, in fact, a medical ailment that is
8 being treated and that a person who overwrites, thus
9 endangering the health of their particular patient, is
10 going to be sanctioned by the State of Michigan.

11 So, if we're going to do this in the state
12 of Michigan, the voters have determined by referendum
13 that this is something that we should do, then it
14 should be tightly regulated, number one.

15 VICE CHAIR BELL: I agree.

16 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Number two, the
17 other piece I should just simply point out is this,
18 and I'm now speaking on behalf of Commissioner Brooks,
19 but the question that I have significantly is why do
20 we have 150 and I don't see any of these medical
21 marijuana dispensaries presenting the same level of
22 difficulty in cities not Detroit.

23 And so, you know, it just seems to me that
24 the city of Detroit is on its way back. We are
25 struggling with a host of problems that are -- as the

1 young lady mentioned, you know, consequential. And
2 this is going to be to me a distraction that will
3 retard our forward progress.

4 We're asking for vigorous oversight, strict
5 accountability and limitation based on the need I
6 mean, right, because I'm not saying that four is the
7 magic number. What I'm saying, though, is that -- as
8 Commissioner Crawford said, all of the people in the
9 city of Detroit who are on some kind of medication are
10 being serviced by significantly less than 150 CVSs,
11 Rite Aids, Walgreens and the neighborhood drugstores,
12 if they're any that still exist.

13 So someone has the data that can help make
14 the determination as to what the right number is. And
15 all we said in our resolution is that somebody ought
16 to make that determination, and it ought not be
17 possible to just open up a business without being
18 appropriately licensed. I just think that that's
19 critical. Even if it's a flower shop, you've still
20 got to have a license to open. You just can't open it
21 up wherever you want.

22 MR. WARD: I just want to say like if we
23 look to states like Colorado where marijuana is legal,
24 from what I've been told, they've got more money than
25 they know what to do with.

1 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: And they also have
2 tremendous --

3 MR. WARD: It really helps their economy
4 out.

5 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: And the other data
6 that's out there that does not get as merely as much
7 publicity is they're confronting a whole host of other
8 social problems associated with the legalization.
9 We've got a long way to go to figure out the right
10 answer, believe me.

11 MR. WARD: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, sir.

13 MR. FEASTER: Good afternoon, police
14 commissioners.

15 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

16 MR. FEASTER: Thank you, Chairwoman Carter,
17 for having me. And I live in the district of Brother
18 Willie Burton in East England Village, and I'm good
19 friend of Ricardo Moore. My name is Bruce Sullivan
20 Feaster and I work for Councilman Scott Benson who
21 represents this district that you're in. And there
22 will be a hearing today at 5:30, although you should
23 get there earlier, at the Coleman Alexander Young
24 Municipal Center. The focus is going to be on zoning.
25 So I really appreciate Supreme Court Justice Mallett's

1 input on this issue, because the main issue we're
2 trying to confront here is trying to keep these
3 medical marijuana dispensaries as far away from
4 schools and churches and other places as possible.

5 For example, there's one on Seven Mile and
6 Strasburg, and from Seven Mile and Strasburg, the
7 dispensary, you can see Pulaski Elementary School.
8 And you will not see that in Grosse Pointe, Harper
9 Woods, Rochester Hills, Madison Heights, Troy, et
10 cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

11 So it's very important that you let your
12 people know if they're able to, I know it's right
13 after work, to come down today at 5:30 to the Coleman
14 Alexander Young Municipal Center for the public
15 hearing. And again, the issue here really is about
16 the zoning, trying to keep them away from schools and
17 other places where they should not be. And also the
18 issue with hours. Do you really want 24-hour medical
19 marijuana dispensaries, do you want a drive-through
20 like at McDonald's, Burger King and Wendy's, do you
21 want kids to be able to see that. Those are all
22 issues. So it's very important to come down to the
23 public hearing.

24 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you.

1 MR. FEASTER: One last thing I would like
2 to say. Don't pick on Linda Bernard. She's my first
3 boss out of law school, my favorite CEO, my favorite
4 boss of all time and magnificent lady.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. Thank you
7 for that.

8 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: That would bring
9 new meaning to a happy meal, wouldn't it?

10 MR. FEASTER: Yeah, you're right.

11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other
12 communications? Any other oral communications? Any
13 other oral communications?

14 Commissioners, I'll entertain a motion for
15 adjournment?

16 VICE CHAIR BELL: Madam Chair, before we
17 adjourn, if I may, I just want to thank all the
18 commissioners in attendance this evening. We have a
19 full board, and that's unusual. So I think it's
20 crucial, and I just want to acknowledge your support.
21 If we impacted one student, one person at Osborn High
22 School or one parent, I think that's a blessing to our
23 efforts as we move forward.

24 And I want to acknowledge A.C. -- Assistant
25 Chief Dolunt for his appearance and also our feature

1 person who always do a excellent job, Investigator
2 Brian Fountain, and I want to thank Osborn High
3 School, the principal and the staff here, for their
4 cooperation. We look forward to more interaction.

5 I just want to add that we need to
6 interchange next week. We already spoke about it last
7 week that we would be going forth in terms of
8 southwest Detroit, and I think that would happen in
9 one of our meetings in November. And I'm looking
10 forward to that type of -- not a high school forum,
11 but just to go forward in terms of southwest Detroit.
12 So we can work that out.

13 Thank you, Madam Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Madam Chairperson,
16 you've got one more person. I'm sorry.

17 MR. SPRATT: Good afternoon, everybody,
18 Madam Chair, commissioners, to everybody. My name is
19 Lee Spratt and I'm a member of the Pleasant Grove
20 Missionary Baptist Church, and my pastor is Pastor
21 Louis Forsyte.

22 There is one thing. I am a ex-marijuana
23 smoker. I smoked marijuana back in 1974. I stopped
24 smoking in '74. Everything you're saying is good. I
25 don't even want to deal with that, but I want to deal

1 with -- I'm a coach. I coach at Pleasant Grove
2 Church, and I learned something years ago. I was
3 watching a documentary, and I go down to Pershing High
4 School and I talked to the principal at Pershing. I
5 was watching a documentary from Harlem, New York.
6 There was a sign that a man put on. I don't know
7 whether it was a school or a recreation center, but on
8 that school he had a big sign that said, "The streets
9 stop here. The streets stop here."

10 When we get that over to our children,
11 we'll have a better school system. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Move for adjournment.

14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER MALLETT: Support.

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
17 supported that we adjourn. Meeting is adjourned.

18 (The meeting was concluded at 3:14 p.m.)

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